

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church. Mr. Hardaway asked for a moment of silence to remember Mr. East former basketball coach for Merrillville High School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Barron and Ms. LaMarca were absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Pettit wanted to acknowledge the Andrean baseball team on their 8th Semi- State as they head to the State Finals in Indianapolis they are an amazing representation of the town and we wish them luck.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated June 11, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk said he has Supplemental Agreement 1 which will address the west side of Broadway and the sidewalk construction for 73rd and U.S 30.

Mr. Spires gave details about the contracts with the Contractors working on the project.

Mr. Minchuk made a motion to accept the Supplemental Agreement 1 and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report. Mrs. Uzelac said she wanted to know if there is meeting set up to talk about the Pet Ordinance the meeting has been scheduled for June 25th. Some discussion followed

Mr. Hardaway asked Mr. Spires to get a hold of council women Ms. LaMarca and direct her to get in contact with the town council to understand what going before going on into the meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit said they are in the process of interviewing candidates for the Town Manager position and will continue till July 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Pettit called and Personnel Executive Session to be held on June 17th at noon and that will be for the Town Engineer position.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac addressed Mr. Spires about a tractor that was cutting grass on 73rd Avenue causing traffic to be high due to the tractor. Mrs. Uzelac asked if patrol is needed when the tractor is out cutting grass to control the traffic.

Mr. Spires said when the tractor is out cutting grass patrol is not needed but residents need to proceed with caution.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report. Mrs. Uzelac said a resident in the 4th ward wrote a letter to Parks about selling parks in our town. Mr. Uzelac said residents should know that the parks are not being sold they are being rehabbed.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report. Mr. Lake said the Taft Street Box Culver Project is out for bids and will be opened on July 2nd at 4:30 p.m.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit said there will be a Redevelopment Commission Workshop immediately after the Town Council Meeting on June 25th. Some discussion followed.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 19-13:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the local road and street fund for the year 2019 not included in the current budget. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-14:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, amending Ordinance 18-31 and pay for employees of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the calendar year 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-15:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana providing that the Zoning Ordinance Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana be amended by changing the established C-2 community commercial zoning to PUD planned unit development district. Mr. Minchuk made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was some discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pettit made mentioned of the 4th of July Parade and wanted to know if that will take place this year.

Ms. Olrich said that everything is in place for the parade the float has been order. Ms. Olrich said Andrean baseball team has been contacted about representing on the fire truck this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission meeting, June 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Council Affairs Committee meeting, June 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Budget & Finance meeting July 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer